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REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending. The applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-31 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn for the following reasons.

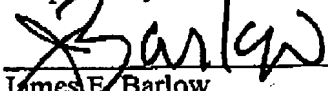
Claims 1, 8, 16, and 23 were said to be indefinite because of a phrase used in the recital of the function of the calculation and control element. The four independent claims have been amended to clarify the function of the calculation and control element. Claims 1, 8, 16, and 23 and their dependents are now considered to be fully definite, and this rejection should be withdrawn.

Further, minor grammatical and typographical errors have been corrected.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

If there are any problems with the payment of fees, please charge any underpayments and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1147.

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